brings the issue to the attention of locals and educates the press about how the pipeline would impact the fishing industry. The company behind the proposal, North Atlantic Pipeline Partners of Houston, Texas, later elects to go overland with its pipeline.

• **Donald Lirette:** When ex-vessel shrimp prices hit rock bottom in May, Lirette, president of the Terrebonne Fisherman's Association, and more than 400 other shrimpers and their families meet to consider possible unionization and other options to protect the shrimp harvesters' interests. The day before, the shrimpers had clogged Bayou Grand Caillou, off Dulac, La., with shrimp boats in a show of protest at the poor prices.

"We've always been a mom-and-pop operation, but the fisherman's back is against the wall," Lirette says.

• **John Salter:** North Carolina long-haul fisherman John Salter ponders the problems fisheries experts are having designing an effective escape panel for undersized sea trout and comes up with his own simple, effective solution. Salter uses plastic gillnet-buoy rings to fashion a panel that won't get clogged with big fish, as is the case with the Division of Marine Fisheries' malfunctioning design. The DMF subsequently adopts Salter's design in March.

John Salter

• **Robert Spaeth and Wilma Anderson:** Spaeth, executive director of the Southern Offshore Fishing Association, and Anderson, executive director of the Texas Shrimp Association, lead separate efforts to keep legal pressure on the Commerce Department and NMFS. The fisheries service had cut large coastal shark quotas in half and required Gulf shrimpers to pull bycatch-reduction devices. The fishermen's lawsuits challenge both rulings on adverse economic impact grounds, as provided in the Magnuson-Stevens Act, and are unresolved as of late January 1999. NF

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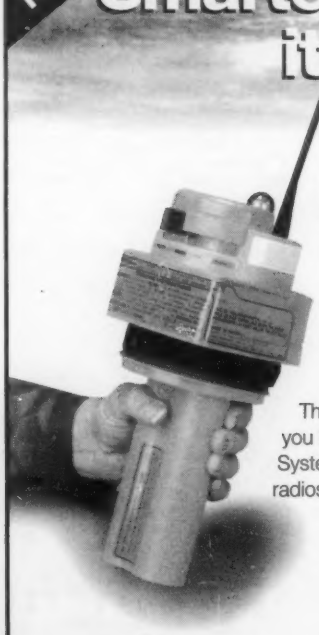

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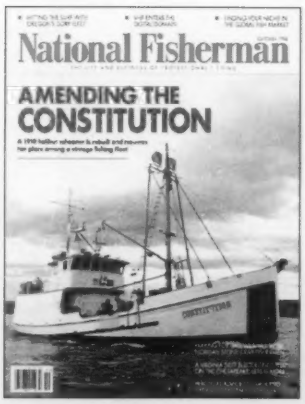

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U.S. imposes punitive duty on farmed Chilean salmon	Oct.	49
A conservative angle: Catch fish that catch fish	Nov.	11
New variables unveiled in hunt for missing salmon	Nov.	13
Full plates at Alaska fete belie empty salmon nets	Nov.	14
Promises, promises: so much for tranquil era in B.C.	Nov.	15
Farmed salmon thought to reproduce in B.C. waters	Dec.	10

Agreement may increase funds to breach dams	Dec.	15

SHELLFISH	MONTH	PG.
Lobster broodstock 'thrills' scientist	Jan.	7
Quahog disease takes toll on farmers	Jan.	7
Record hauls off California	Jan.	10
Virginia, Maryland launch oyster efforts	Jan.	11
Working the lobster line	Jan.	20
Trap wars	Jan.	21
Compromise is reached in lobster grounds dispute	Feb.	9
Treatment plant eases pain for N.J. clam flats	Feb.	9
Maine fisherman lands 'great white' lobster	Feb.	9
Arcade-style game has clawes fishing for supper	March	8
In Maritimes, fisherman split over krill fishery	March	9
WWII armaments give Calif. fisherman a shot	March	14
Lobster, pork promoters share love of white meat	April	11
Environmental group's boat hit with oyster charges	June	7
East Coast lobstermen facing state trap limits	June	8
PR campaign targets La. raw-oyster debate	June	13
Shellfish-snacking otters eating at Calif. fisherman	July	7
Maine says states can regulate their own lobsters	July	32
Oyster leasing resumes along Louisiana coast	Aug.	14
Council backs reduction in scallopers' sea days	Oct.	10
Maine lobstermen thwart year-reduction effort	Oct.	10
Oystermen suspend harvest in Galveston Bay	Oct.	11
For N.C. clam growers, a new predator: thieves	Oct.	11
New threat to oysters is seen in Asian whelks	Nov.	10
Rains raise clam price but diggers take a bath	Nov.	10
Maine scientist doubts prophets of lobster doom	Nov.	11
Lobstermen undergoing overhaul of logbooks	Nov.	12
Lobster patrols not aimed at Natives, DFO assurts	Nov.	15
Hot weather puts chill on La. crawfish harvest	Nov.	18

SHRIMP	MONTH	PG.
Shrimpers accept 49-day season cut	Jan.	6
Bycatch device earns praise in Ga.	Jan.	9
The secret of Great Salt Lake	Jan.	22
Texas is on the lookout for shrimp farm diseases	Feb.	11
Ga. shrimp trawlers see threat in cast netting	March	9
Shrimpers say snapper BRD puts Gulf fleet at risk	July	12
Day trippers	July	22
Big catches small comfort in Bayou Grand Caillou	Aug.	13
Talk of night fishing ban irks southern shrimpers	Sept.	8
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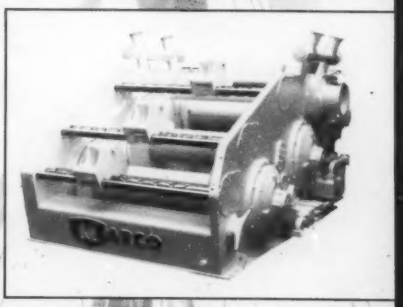

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